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## Lt. Governor seeking nominations for 2017 AgriVision Award

INDIANAPOLIS (June 2, 2017) - Do you know a visionary from Indiana who has made significant contributions to agriculture? If so, nominate them today for the 2017 Indiana AgriVision Award. The winner will be recognized by Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch during a ceremony at the 2017 Indiana State Fair.

"It's important to show our appreciation for those thought leaders who have really taken Indiana agriculture to the next level," Lt. Governor Crouch said. "Whether it's through innovation or other advances in the industry, Hoosiers are making a positive impact every day, both nationally and internationally, and I look forward to honoring one such individual at the 2017 Indiana State Fair."

Now in its 11th year, the AgriVision Award is open to any Indiana resident and all sectors of agriculture – from bioenergy to livestock to trade. It was specifically created to honor an individual who has reshaped Indiana agriculture through their visionary ideas in technology, innovation and agribusiness.

The award will be presented by Lt. Governor Crouch at the Celebration of Agriculture, which will take place this year on Thursday, August 17, 2017, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Normandy Barn.

To nominate an individual, please fill out the nomination form, which can be found by visiting www.in.gov/isda/3367.htm, and return it to Hannah Ferguson at hferguson@isda.in.gov. The nomination deadline is July 1, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. (EDT).

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## **ABOUT ISDA**

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. The Director is appointed by the Governor and is a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Administratively, ISDA reports to Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.



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